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**Memorandum**

To: Councilmember Todd Apo, Chair  
And Committee Members  
Transportation Committee

Fr: Councilmember Gary H. Okino

Re: Proposed Amendments to Bill 11 (2006)

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Prior to the introduction of Bill 11 (2006), I was also working on a similar measure to address the problem of vehicles that are parked on City streets and property for extended periods of time. As stated in your bill and verified by numerous constituent calls to my office, it seems that many of these vehicles do not have valid registrations or safety inspections, have expired or are missing registration emblems and safety inspection stickers, or do not have license plates.

Since the current abandoned vehicles ordinance does not allow for the removal of these vehicles it is appropriate that the Council take action to address this situation. I fully support Bill 11, however, I have some proposed amendments that may help to clarify the intent of the bill as well as extend the City's ability to tow vehicles from not only public streets and highways, but other public property as well.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. SECTION 1. The Council finds that many vehicles [have been] are parked [in] on public property, including streets and highways and the grassy areas adjacent to streets, particularly in residential areas, for extended periods of time. Many of these vehicles are not registered with the City and County of Honolulu or have expired vehicle registration emblems and safety inspection stickers, or [In addition, some vehicles] do not have current license plates as required by state law. Unless the vehicle is deemed abandoned, the City's current abandoned vehicles ordinance does not allow the police department or the department of customer services to tow such vehicles and remove them from public streets and highways and other public property. The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the police department and the department of customer services to remove these vehicles from these public areas.
2. (21) When any vehicle is left unattended or parked on any public property, including any public street, road, or highway, and the vehicle has any one or more of the following:

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3. "Public property" means and includes, but is not limited to, any public street, roadway, highway, park, field, beach, or other recreational area or facility. Public property also includes any other property under the control and management of the city, including public property leased to the city, and including public property leased by the city to another person but used for the benefit of the public.